

International Exhibition of 1876,
Memorial Hall
Belmont Avenue
Fairmount Park, North Concourse
Philadelphia
Philadelphia County
Pennsylvania

HABS No. PA-1659

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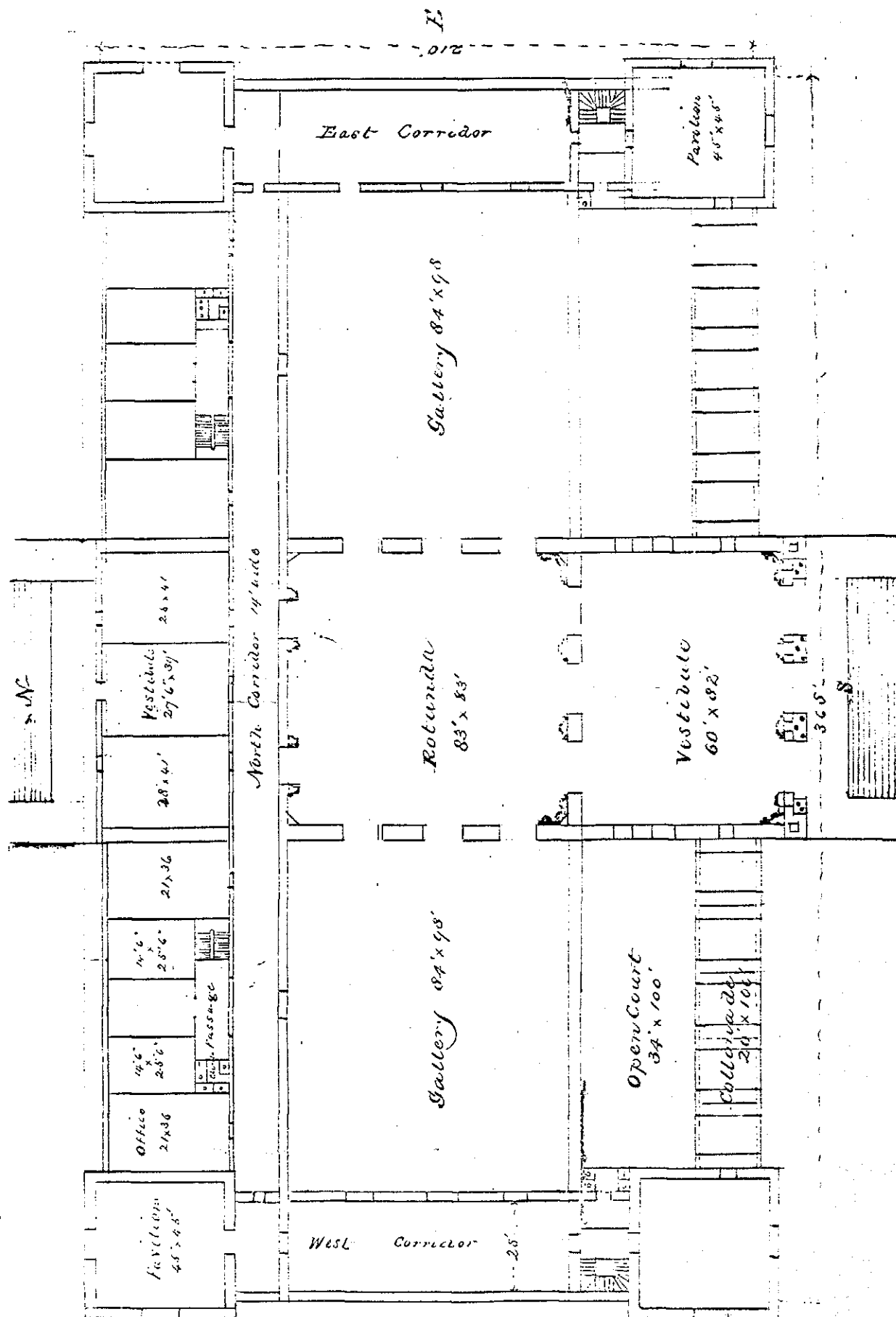
ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE PENNSYLVANIA	COUNTY PHILADELPHIA	TOWN OR VICINITY PHILADELPHIA
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF 1876, MEMORIAL HALL		HABS NO. PA-1659
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Belmont Avenue; Fairmount Park, North Concourse		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1874-76	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Herman J. Schwarzmann, architect	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Historically, the structure was one of the significant buildings built for the 1876 Centennial Exposition. Architecturally, it was an early monumental building in the United States and one of America's first in the Beaux-Arts manner.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Granite and marble with brick, iron and glass. Iron trusses in roof section. Floors on iron beams.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Dimensions: approx. 400' X 200'. One-story on raised basement with mezzanine at north (rear) end. Attached sheet shows a sketched floor plan.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The plan of the building consists of a main pavilion, a large central dome, and four smaller corner pavilions. The roofs are flat and balustraded. The dome is made of iron and glass. There are three arched entrances in the south (front) facade (con't. on p. 2)		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The entry vestibule was originally an open arcade, which was later enclosed.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Exterior restored and interior rehabilitated 1958-1969.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Webster, Richard. <u>Philadelphia Preserved</u> . Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1976.		
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EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (continued from page 1):

of the main pavilion. Front corners of the main pavilion have zinc statues of Science and Art. On top of the dome is the zinc statue of Columbia, and at its corners are the zinc statues of Industry, Commerce, Agriculture, and Mining. All of the statues were by A.J.M. Mueller of Germany. Sculptured eagle figures were originally on the corners of the smaller pavilions.

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